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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board
of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

NCTA – The Internet & Television Association (NCTA) nominates Beth Choroser of Comcast Corporation to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). This nomination is submitted for the USAC Board position pursuant to section 54.703(b)(5), which provides that one director “shall represent cable operators.”¹ The position is currently held by Jose Jimenez of Cox Communications, Inc. Mr. Jimenez’s term will expire on December 31, 2016. He has done an excellent job as the cable industry representative for the past six years and we are grateful for his service.

As demonstrated in her attached resume, Ms. Choroser has extensive knowledge of universal service regulations and policies, as well as significant experience in the areas of finance, auditing, and data management, as requested in the public notice seeking nominations.² Ms. Choroser is currently Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Comcast Corporation. Ms. Choroser has more than 18 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, including 16 years at Comcast. She has in-depth knowledge of both federal and state universal service programs from the distribution and contribution perspectives. She has testified on state universal service matters before the Pennsylvania House Consumer Affairs Committee, participated in a Maine PUC roundtable on universal service and carrier of last resort obligations, and has provided policy direction on universal service to shape the positions taken by Comcast before numerous regulatory bodies and legislatures. She has developed internal policies related to Comcast’s participation in the federal E-rate program and provides support to Comcast’s Business Services group on E-rate issues. In addition to her regulatory policy expertise, Ms. Choroser has a background in budgeting and cost of service, and has worked collaboratively with

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(b)(5).

² *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Public Notice, DA 16-1018 (Wireline Comp. Bur., Sept. 9, 2016).

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industry representatives on universal service contribution reform ideas, as well as other policy and legislative efforts related to universal service programs. She has significant expertise on regulatory surcharges, including those that fund state and federal universal service programs. Ms. Choroser is a graduate of the Women Unlimited LEAD leadership development program and recipient of the peer award for Leadership Confidence and Growth.

If any questions arise concerning this matter, feel free to contact Jennifer McKee of NCTA at (202) 222-2445.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Rick Chessen

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Attachment

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BETH CHOROSER

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY EXPERTISE

Regulatory Expertise – Universal Service, including the E-rate program, Local Number Portability, Intercarrier Compensation, Interconnection, E911, and accessibility for Advanced Communications Services (ACS).

Regulatory Compliance – State and federal compliance for telecommunications services, including regulations pertaining to accessibility, operations, billing, regulatory surcharges, Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA), and E911 systems.

Telecommunications Taxation and Regulatory Surcharges – In-depth knowledge of requirements for federal, state and local taxation, and federal, state and local regulatory surcharges.

Interconnection and Special Access – Interconnection agreements for governance of intercarrier compensation and network interconnection, as well as in-depth knowledge of special access.

Testimony – Expert witness before regulatory commissions and other governmental bodies on issues related to interconnection, regulation of IP-enabled services and universal service.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Comcast Corporation

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Oct. 2016-Present

Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs

Feb. 2015-Oct. 2016

- Provide policy guidance and expert input for positions taken before regulatory bodies on a variety of regulatory matters, including universal service, intercarrier compensation, 911, outage reporting, lifeline, E-rate and accessibility.
- Support legislative efforts by providing input on a variety of matters, including universal service, 911, and modernization of telecommunications regulations.
- Provide guidance to a wide array of operational teams on compliance matters.
- Support merger and acquisition activities by providing guidance on regulatory matters.

Comcast Cable Communications

Executive Director of Regulatory Affairs

Feb. 2009-Feb. 2015

Senior Director of Regulatory Compliance

Apr. 2005-Feb. 2009

Director of Regulatory Compliance

Jan. 2003-Apr. 2005

- National responsibility for regulatory compliance for Comcast's telephony and voice over internet protocol (VoIP) services, including coordination with state Government Affairs personnel.
- Review and direction of policy and product positioning for telephony and VoIP.
- Review and analysis of legislation with a focus on its impact on Comcast lines of business.
- Responsible for negotiation of interconnection agreements with Bell Operating Companies and other telecommunications service providers.
- Escalation point on operational and intercarrier issues, telephony surcharges, tax, billing and state and federal regulatory reporting.

Comcast Business Communications

Nov. 2000-Jan. 2003

Manager of Regulatory Compliance

- Responsible for overall compliance with state PUC and FCC regulations with respect to telecommunications services provided to business and residential end users in 50 jurisdictions.
- Responsible for regulatory reporting in 48 states and the FCC, and financial report design.
- Interconnection agreements with BOCs and governance of intercarrier relationships.
- Responsible for filing and maintaining tariffs in 48 states and the FCC.
- Oversight of Comcast's participation in the Federal Universal Service E-rate program.
- Developed the Company's CALEA policies and procedures.
- Due diligence for transfers of control and corporate reorganizations.

BETH CHOROSER

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Kulicke and Soffa Industries, Inc. – Willow Grove, PA **Jul. 1999-Nov. 2000**

Financial Advisor to the Vice President of Worldwide Sales

- Budget oversight for worldwide Corporate Sales function, including the United States, Europe and the Pacific Rim.
- Sales forecasting for semiconductor-assembly capital equipment and materials.
- Sales commission program design and establishment of sales quotas.
- Developed commissioning audit process resulting in \$100,000 in annual savings.
- E-Commerce Development and Integration Team Member tasked with developing and operationalizing an integrated E-Commerce system for Sales, Logistics and Finance.

ATX Telecommunications Services – Bala Cynwyd, PA

Jan. 1997-Jul. 1999

Manager of Tax and Regulatory Compliance

- Established Tax and Regulatory Compliance Department.
- Responsible for federal, multi-state and local tax compliance.
- Responsible for state and federal regulatory reporting in 50 jurisdictions.
- Oversight of billing compliance for regulatory surcharges.
- Established compliance practices for start-up local exchange business.
- Local exchange new product development team member. Developed billing and operational specifications for successful roll-out of start-up CLEC service.

Telecommunications Revenue Analyst

- Sales analysis, revenue assurance and production of monthly statistical reports for use by the executive management team.
- Oversight of billing operations for the company's interexchange resale business.
- Developed and wrote billing specifications for new telecommunications services and information service products, and project managed system implementation.

New England Electric System – Westborough, MA

Jan. 1985-May 1988

Chief Operating Officer Staff – by Executive Appointment

- Compilation and oversight of \$250 million annual budget.
- Forecasting for operational divisions of electric utility including generation, transmission and distribution systems.
- Special projects team member, including participation in projects for load management and conservation programs at company-wide and customer-specific levels.

Rate Analyst

- Analysis of fuel markets and operational factors contributing to variable fuel costs.
- Fuel surcharge filings prepared for state public utility commissions.
- Oral testimony as an expert witness before state regulatory commission.
- Written testimony and financial analyses submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- Cost of Service analysis for electric utility rate cases.

EDUCATION

Syracuse University School of Management

1981 - 1983

Master of Business Administration – Magna Cum Laude

Pennsylvania State University

1977 - 1981

Bachelor of Arts – Magna Cum Laude